

# Me Kōrero – **LET'S TALK!**

How do we make an even greater difference for Māori children and young people in education in the next five years and beyond?

**Parents and whānau supporting Māori education**

**KA HIKITIA** ACCELERATING SUCCESS  
2013–2017



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Me Kōrero – Let's Talk! is about sharing ideas and turning them into action so that the education system works better for all Māori children and young people

You can find out more information about **Ka Hikitia** at:  
[www.minedu.govt.nz/KaHikitia](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/KaHikitia)

## Kia ora parents and whānau,

We want your help and ideas to update *Ka Hikitia* – the Government's plan to make the education system work better for Māori learners (children and young people in education) so they can achieve the success in life that they deserve.

### We want to help you play a bigger role in education...

Parents and whānau can help learners achieve success in education in a whole lot of ways, including:

- getting your children to school each day or to an early childhood education service regularly
- encouraging your children to do well in education
- working with teachers to understand what your children are learning and how you can help them to learn
- helping teachers understand what works best for your children's learning.

These things may seem easy, but they take time, commitment, energy and support.

### We want to hear your ideas...

Please take some time to read this pānui, answer the questions and send them back to us. We'll use your ideas to update the plan and it will help us to do things better, like providing support and information to help you play a bigger role in education.

You can also answer the questions online at:

[www.minedu.govt.nz/MeKoreroLetsTalk](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/MeKoreroLetsTalk)

### This is just the start of our kōrero...

Look out for more information and updates, and give us more of your ideas through our website, on Facebook and at hui across the country. We want to keep you up to date with how the plan is going and let you know how you can help make a difference.

## Did you know...

Aotearoa New Zealand's education system is one of the best in the world!

We have some amazing early childhood education centres, schools, teachers and principals, and there have been some good gains for Māori children in education.

But the education system is still not working well enough. Too many Māori children are leaving school without the skills and qualifications they need to lead the successful lives they deserve.

We can change this by working together!

## We have a plan...

*Ka Hikitia* is the Government's plan to make the education system work well for all Māori learners.

The plan was designed by a wide range of people involved in helping Māori learners achieve in education. It started in 2008 and we are updating it for the next five years.

The main goal of *Ka Hikitia* is 'Māori enjoying and achieving education success as Māori'.

will become:

*Ka Hikitia* –  
Managing for  
Success 2008–2012



*Ka Hikitia* –  
Accelerating  
Success 2013–2017



## Getting a good education and qualifications give you a whole lot more choices in life – it's a passport to success!

It can:

- help you to get a rewarding career, not just a job
- help you and your whānau to have a great lifestyle with the freedom and opportunities to experience everything Aotearoa New Zealand and the world has to offer
- support you to share, uphold and celebrate your culture through te reo Māori and knowledge of tikanga, mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori
- give you a whole lot of different ways to give back to your whānau, hapū, iwi, your community and to Aotearoa New Zealand through your knowledge and skills.

## What we know...

- Every Māori learner has the potential to achieve success in education and in life.
- The education system has not worked well for many Māori children in the past and today – we must turn this around and we need your help.
- Māori learners and their whānau, iwi and communities have the right to expect the best and get the best from education.
- Māori learners do best in education when teachers, principals, their parents and whānau:
  - » believe in them
  - » relate to them
  - » value them
  - » work together as partners – making decisions together
  - » provide them with help and support with their learning every day.

## We need to make some changes...

- The Government wants to see a big change in education because it is still not working well enough for many children. Too many of these children are Māori. This requires a big step up from all who have a role to play – learners, whānau, iwi, communities, businesses and educational professionals, the Ministry of Education, and other government agencies.

## What is Government doing?

- updating *Ka Hikitia* for the next five years – with help and ideas from children and young people, parents and whānau, iwi and communities, businesses, teachers, principals, and other educators
- finding out what's already working really well to help Māori learners achieve education success and sharing these things so that everyone does them
- giving whānau, teachers and education leaders good information and support to help them come up with some new and better ways of doing things
- helping teachers and principals to understand and value the background, identity, language and culture of Māori learners so that education is interesting and relevant for them
- talking to teachers, children, whānau and iwi to see how we can work better together to support Māori language in education
- supporting more iwi and Māori to have a bigger role in education – especially in learning in and through te reo Māori
- making sure that different government agencies – like social welfare, education and health – are working better together.



### **The Government has set some targets to drive change...**

- **98%** participation in early childhood education in 2016.
- **85%** of those who turn 18 in 2017 will have attained a minimum of NCEA Level 2 or equivalent by the end of 2017.
- **55%** of all 25- to 34-year-olds will have an advanced trade qualification, diploma or degree (at Level 4 or above) in 2017.

The Government is also committed to working with iwi and Māori to strengthen and revitalise te reo Māori. This includes increasing the participation in Māori language in education schooling provision.

Meeting these targets will help us reach our goal of 'Māori enjoying and achieving education success as Māori'. The targets are tough but they need to be if we are going to make the change we need in the education system. We all need to work together, better and smarter, to do more of the things that

we know help Māori children and young people to enjoy and achieve education success as Māori.

### **What can you do?**

- Support your child to learn by reading with them and talking with them about what they have been doing at school.
- Listen to your child – if they're not happy at school find out why.
- Talk to your child's teacher and ask questions about how your child is going with their learning and how you can help.
- Talk to other parents and whānau in your community and work together on some ways that you can help your children to achieve education success.
- Look online at our website; it has lots of information for whānau on the best ways to help your children learn: [www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents](http://www.minedu.govt.nz/Parents)
- Look out for further updates on our website about *Ka Hikitia* – we'll let you know how you can play a role in it's success.

Answer the questions in this pānui. This will help us to update *Ka Hikitia* for the next five years and make sure you get the right kinds of help and information you need to support your child to achieve education success.

**And always remember – your child has amazing potential to achieve whatever they want and you can support them to make that happen!**

**Help us to update *Ka Hikitia* by taking some time to complete the questions included in this booklet. You can post your answers to:**

**Ka Hikitia  
c/o Ministry of Education  
PO Box 1666  
Wellington 6140**

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and fill in an online form.**